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Application No.:	10/680,568
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Applicant:	Sivakumar Ramasamy et al.
Group Art Unit:	1775
Examiner:	John J. Zimmerman
Title:	WELD BRACKET
Attorney Docket:	0275M-000667

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Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2007, and prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Please charge our deposit account 02-2550 for any fee incurred with this request.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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